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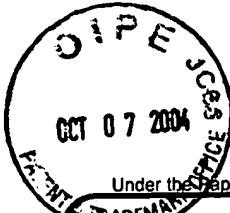
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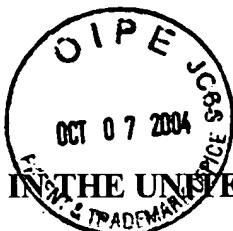
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6 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
7 Group Art Unit 2153
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9 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-1517US
10 Title: Network Load Balancing with Connection Manipulation

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